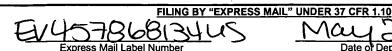
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## **RESPONSE**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on January 21, 2004 having a shortened three-month period for response which expired on April 21, 2004. Applicants enclose herewith a petition for a one-month extension of time together with authorization to deduct the appropriate fee.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.